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Chairman: Mr. Butagira ..... (Uganda)

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The meeting was called to order at 11.10 a.m.

Election of the Chairman and officers for the sixty-first session of the General Assembly

1. **The Chairman** recalled that, in accordance with rule 99 (a) of the Rules of Procedure as amended by General Assembly resolution 56/509 as well as rule 103 as amended by General Assembly resolution 58/126, annex B, paragraph 9, all the Main Committees were required to elect a Chairman and a full bureau at least three months before the opening of the session.

2. Mr. Al Bayati (Iraq) had been nominated for election to the office of Chairman for the sixty-first session. In the absence of further nominations and in accordance with rule 103 of the Rules of Procedure, he would take it that the Committee wished to elect Mr. Al Bayati (Iraq) Chairman.

3. *Mr. Al Bayati (Iraq) was elected Chairman by acclamation.*

4. **The Chairman** said that the Group of African States, the Group of Eastern European States and the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States had nominated respectively Mr. Faati (Gambia), Mr. Rachkov (Belarus) and Mr. Ballestero (Costa Rica) for the posts of Vice-Chairmen and the Group of Western European and other States had nominated Ms. Molaroni (San Marino) for the post of Rapporteur.

5. *Mr. Faati (Gambia), Mr. Rachkov (Belarus) and Mr. Ballestero (Costa Rica) were elected Vice-Chairmen and Ms. Molaroni (San Marino) was elected Rapporteur by acclamation.*

The meeting rose at 11.15 a.m.